

A

REVIEW

OF THE

Affairs of *FRANCE*:

With some Observations on *TRANSACTIONS* at Home.

Saturday, March 10. 1705.

I Have now pass'd *the Rubicon*, and launch'd into an Undertaking, that every Day produces new Worlds and Wilderesses of untrod Subjects for a wandring Pen.

The Gentlemen who have done the Author and its Work, the Honour to believe the one fit to be supported for the sake of the other, shall have this Satisfaction, to remain still Judges of the Merit of the Performance; and whenever they find it meaner in its Quality than they have reason to think it hitherto, shall have it in their power to sink it with their Breath; and by withdrawing that Influence which now supports it, cause it to receive its Death from the same Hands it had this second Life, since the Author desires to write it no longer, than it may be both Useful and Entertaining.

At my Entrance into the Great Subject of Trade, which has too many Branches to be Concisely handled; I desire to be understood, as to the Temper of my Pen, I appeal to all the World, that I am not writing to Discourage, Disparage, or Dishonour the *English* Trade in general.

I am and ever was of the Opinion, the *English* Trade is now in the greatest Magnitude that ever it was, since the Nation had any Business Abroad; that it is also not only capable of the greatest Improvement, but has those Improvements in View, and nothing hinders

them, but what both may and ought to be removed.

Whether I happen to enter upon this Subject at an Unhappy Crisis of Trade, or no, I will not affirm; but all our Trade in every Branch of it, both at Home and Abroad, feels at this time, a sort of Shaking, a Dedension and Discouragement; and I challenge all our Men of Business, to tell me Abroad or at Home, this or that general Branch of Trade, that they can say, is a thriving Article.

Our Home-Trade feels Convulsions, as it is affected from Abroad, our Manufactures stop; the Poor Starve, Tradesmen Break, Stocks Fall, the Money Vanishes, the Species Evaporates, Credit sinks, and Men look at one another, as if they expected every Day a General Bankruptcy.

Abroad Promiscuous Disasters Visit us every Day, the *Spanish* Trade lost, the *Turkey* Trade Wounded and Tedious, our Market of Manufactures at *Cadiz* stop'd, the Reflux of Money turn'd into *France*, the *Canary* Trade entirely lost, our *Iland* Trade ruin'd by Losses at Sea, not of Ships only, but of whole Fleets; witness now two *Barbadoes* Fleets, of neither of which, half ever came Home; our *Tobacco* low, and all our Boasts of the *Russian* Trade, Ruin'd and come to nothing.

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Our Ships lost, Wages to Seamen dear, and Extravagant Freights of Ships high in proportion; At which end of our Misfortunes, shall a Poor Author begin? And where shall we draw the Picture of a Languishing Declining Trade?

The present Disasters of our Home-Trade may be reduc'd to these following. among many others.

The Stop of our Manufactures.

Decay of Credit.

Diminution of Coin.

Bankruptie of Debtors.

The Stop of our Manufactures, has divers Reasons to be given for it, but most of them are deduc'd from these two.

1. The Invasion of our Capital Trade of Woollen Cloth, by our running upon light, thin, and Novel Wearing of Stuffs, Druggets, and Toys, in the room of our Broad-Cloath, the Ancient Standard Commodity, and Staple Trade of this Nation.

This is an Evil to our Manufacture, because it neither employs so many Hands, nor Consumes the Quantity of Wooll.

In a late Discourse against the Transposing the Manufacture from the Country to *Spinle-Fields*, a Gentleman fancied he answer'd my Objections against the Workhouses, in an Ingenious Letter, which I am not at all afraid to Inert at large, not doubting, but the Nature of the Thing will speak for, and answer it self; and therefore shall begin the next Paper with a more exact Account of my Thoughts upon that Head.

Mean time I cannot but take Notice of something which I reckon a little unaccountable, especially considering the Gentlemen that are concern'd in it, are Men of Sense, and differ in their Judgment on this Head, from the usual Candor, Temper, and Discerning, they practise in the rest of their Actions; that when I said in one of the late *Reviews*, that the Contrivers of some of our Workhouses, deserv'd Correction,

as well as the Persons brought in to be Corrected, and some of the Magistrates ruling them, more than both; I must needs single out, in my Design, the several Worthy Citizens, Magistrates and Gentlemen concern'd in the Government, and managing our particular Work-house in *Bishopsgate-street*.

It shall suffice for the present, to tell those Gentlemen, they do me much Wrong, and tho' in Justice I say this, and for no Apprehensions I have of any Man's Displeasure, fear in that case being not my Talent, no not so much as is necessary, yet I first tell the World plainly, I had not the least pointing in my Thoughts to any concern'd in that House; who, for any thing I have to say, are all Men equal in Vertue and Character to the best Men in the Town, only mistaken in their Notion of Charity and Work-houses.

But as this Complement may seem to be partial, I shall not fail, with the same plainness, in a few more Papers, to let the World see, or at least, put them in a fair way to guess, who I mean by these Rulers of Hospitals and Work-houses, who deserve rather to be had to the House of Correction, than those they carry there; in which, if I am a little too free with the Characters of some Gentlemen, they must put it to the Account of their Scandalous Lives, Vicious Conversations, Partial and Unjust Dealings, and the rest of those Crimes which makes all Men judge them fitter for the Bar than the Bench, a Scandal to Reformation, and the Debauchers of this Unhappy Kingdom.

If this Honest Declaration of my Intention, will not satisfy those Gentlemen who causelessly blame this Paper, I advise them to say no more, least Strangers, who know not their Morals and Character so well as I, should suggest they think themselves touch'd from some Secret Conscious Guilt, which the World does not know, which makes them claim a Title to that Reproach, which otherwise would no way concern them.

ADVICE from the Scandal. CLUB.

THE following Letter is Inerted for these just Reasons.

1. To let the World see the Folly of Vice,

that not only brings Men to Loss and Mischief, but makes them Ridiculous.

2. To Invite all Men to look on the particular

lar Deformity of the Conjunction between Youthful Lusts, and Gray Hairs.

3. To Inform the Gentleman that's Guilty of this piece of Folly, that his Case is known, and that 'tis in Pity to him, and meerly in order to his Reformation, that we do not Expose his Person, as well as his Crime.

Gentlemen,

A Certain Person that Lives somewhere in the City of London, who wears Gray Hairs, and wears just upon the Brink of Sixty Years; sometime within a Month, going by a Bawdy-House, was by the Unresistible Power of his Inclination to W——g, forc'd in——, and while he was Playing with the Lady's Furbelow, she let her Hand fall into his Pocket, where it pitch'd just upon 8 Ounces of the Current Coin of this Kingdom, which stuck so fast to her Fingers, that she cou'd not get her Hand out again without bringing the Pence with it, which she did so quietly, that the good Man never mis'd it till he had Play'd out his Play, took his Leave in a decent Manner, and went about a Stones-throw from the Door, when putting his Hand in his Pocket, and finding he had lost his Money, steps back again to perswade Madam, if possible, to own the Mistake; but alas in vain, she call'd him Old Fumbling Dog, scorn'd his Words, and threaten'd him to call a Constable, and have him before a Magistrate for Scandal; upon which the Sage quietly withdrew, being unwilling to be Expos'd, but begs of you, Gentlemen, to put him in some way, if you can, how he may get his Money again, and no Body the wiser, nor that he wants Money, for he has enough of that, but bates to be Trick'd or Squeez'd out of a Penny.

The last of Gentlemen, Your hearty Lover,
February. John a Cock of Padua.

The Query's here put, How he shall come at his Money again? We think best Answer'd by telling him, Tho' we cannot help him to his Money, we can put him in a way how this Money shall be the best laid out of any he has spent in his Life; and how he shall also be certain never to meet with the like Misfortune, viz. Never come there any more.

THE Society have for a long time been very Civil to our News-writing Gentlemen of the Town; not but that frequent Occasions have happen'd, in which they have taken Unusual Liberties, and given loud Challenges to Publick Censure.

But upon late Readings, the following Notices, by way of Caution, were order'd to be En-

tred, as Things those Gentlemen may please to Examine at their Leisure.

Flying-Post, N 1533. March 1. from Paris,
March 2.

The Duke de Vendosme sent Word from Verue, that he would Storm the Place with 60 Battalions of Grenadiers, supported by all the Infantry and Dragoons, with Flying Colours.

1. 60 Battalions of Grenadiers, is left to their (who understand those Things) Consideration.

2. How could all the Infantry be supporting, when 60 Battalions, which must be of the Infantry, were actually Storming.

Flying-Post, March 6.

Says, That 3 Ships have brought 200000 Crowns from New-Spain, besides what the Viceroy of New-Spain lends.

That out of this Money 500000 Ducats are to be sent to France, and 400000 to the Army before Gibraltar.

Here the Author is desir'd to Enquire, if it is not 2000000, in stead of 200000? How else the 900000 could be paid out of it? And who is properly Viceroy of New-Spain?

Post-Boy, March 6.

Says, The Attack on the Hill of Gibraltar, cost the Spaniards 7 or 8000 Men.

From Milan, That 20000 Pistoles was arriv'd there for the Duke de Vendosme's Army; which, in all our Foreign Accounts, is allow'd to be 200000; it being for the Pay of the Army.

English-Post, March 9.

The Marquis de Puisieux, brings 4000000 Livres into Swisserland, to Pay several Millions.


Query. "Whether that is not 4 Millions? And why too little to pay several Millions?"

Ditto. The Marhal De Tefse pretends to a great probability of Succession in that Enterprize.

THE Letter from A.B. **, about a Lady who resolves to take something to make her Miscarry, shall have an Answer in the next Supplement, which will be within her Time limited by the Letter.

THE Author of this Paper finding several Persons Amused by an Advertisement in the last Review, threatening some People with Exposing them, and one particular Worthy Citizen assuming a Freedom to charge the Author with a Design in it; he takes the Liberty to do himself Justice, by assuring the World he knows nothing of the meaning of that Notice, nor is
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any way concern'd in it ; but that a strange Gentleman left it with Mr *Matthews*, Paying for its Publication : As to himself, he appeals to his Practice in all he has Writ, that he never gave himself the Liberty to Publish the least Syllable of any Person from private Repentment, but has chose to bear the greatest Insults and Injuries, rather than concern his own Quarrels in his Publick Observations.

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